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## **Subject: Health Services for International Travel or Assignment**

**Responsible Office: Office of the Chief Health & Medical Officer**

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## **Chapter 3. Immunization and International Certificates**

3.1 NASA Centers shall ensure that the traveler possesses immunizations required by CDC and vaccination certificates and shall ensure that the employee has no health condition which would put the employee or others at risk during travel or for any work to be done while on foreign travel assignment.

3.2 NASA employees shall be provided with CDC-recommended immunizations indicated for the area of travel and required immunizations for country of destination.

### 3.3 Tuberculosis (TB) Skin Testing

3.3.1 Depending upon the destination, pretravel confirmation of the TB intradermal skin test status with Purified Protein Derivative (PPD) may be required. If the skin test is positive (abnormal), a chest X-ray shall be prescribed. Appropriate referral for evaluation and/or treatment shall be documented by the Center before travel. Post-travel evaluation of the skin test status (at about three months post-return) is necessary for those who travel to areas where there are high incidences of TB.

3.3.2 Skin tests shall not be repeated for travelers with a known, documented history of a positive skin test. A baseline chest X-ray shall be obtained and, if normal, repeated in the future at the physician's discretion.

### 3.4 International Certificates of Vaccination

The U.S. Public Health Service and the CDC have authorized NASA to validate International Certificates of Vaccination against yellow fever and cholera with authorized NASA validation stamps, when such vaccinations are performed at NASA Centers. Medical Directors of NASA Health Clinics, or their designee, shall affix the NASA-approved validation stamp and sign the International Certificates of Vaccination. Each stamp bears the number unique to the user Center or Component Facility. Duplicate stamps shall not be issued or otherwise made available. Stamps shall be inventoried and safeguarded when not in use. Loss or theft of a stamp shall be reported immediately to the CHMO or his/her representative.

### 3.5 General Immunization

Immunizations shall be offered to NASA employees and to employees of other Government agencies assigned to the NASA Center or Component Facility, in accordance with current CDC guidelines.

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